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APPLICATION OF **GROUP NO.: 1714** FRÉDÉRIC GUÉRIN ET AL EXAMINER: VICKEY M. RONES! SERIAL NUMBER: 10/684,601 FILED: OCTOBER 14, 2003 TITLE: HYDROGENATED NITRILE RUBBER) COMPOSITES WITH IMPROVED **PROCESSABILITY**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sirs:

In response to the Office Action dated February 9, 2005 from the Examiner in charge of the subject application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted for consideration. A separate Petition for Extension of Time is being filed simultaneously herewith.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification: begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings: None.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

Appendix: Assignment

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